

REMARKS

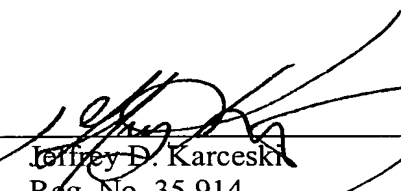
Before examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments recited above. The amendments are presented to address an oversight in the original drafting of the claims. In particular, the preambles for dependent claims 30-32 and 41-46 have been amended so that they are consistent with the claims from which they depend. These changes are not being made in response to any rejection made by the Office. As a result, the Applicants respectfully submit that these changes do not have an effect of the scope of the claims with regard to application of the doctrine of equivalents.

If there are any fees due for entry of this submission that are not otherwise accounted for, Applicant asks that any such fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, with reference to Order No. 086166/283120.

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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 30-32 and 41-46 have been amended as indicated below:

30. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission

of claim 29, wherein:

the guide member comprises a synthetic material.

31. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission

of claim 30, wherein:

the guide member comprises fiberglass.

32. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission

of claim 30, wherein:

the guide member comprises carbon fiber.

41. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission

of claim 40, wherein:

the chamber is disposed between the inner and outer halves, and

the change in gas pressure results from the application of a predetermined vacuum to the chamber.

42. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission

of claim 41, wherein:



the vacuum is supplied by an engine.

43. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission of claim 41, wherein:

the vacuum is supplied by a vacuum pump.

44. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission of claim 43, further comprising:

a pressure connector attached to the shaft,

wherein the pressure connector is operatively connected to the chamber.

45. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission of claim 40, wherein:

the chamber is disposed adjacent to either the inner or the outer half, and

the change in gas pressure results from the introduction of a predetermined pressure to the chamber.

46. (Amended) The [driven pulley] continuously variable transmission of claim 45, further comprising:

a pressure connector attached to the shaft,

wherein the pressure connector is operatively connected to the chamber.

END OF APPENDIX